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**TO** : Chief, Engineering Div./OC**DATE:** DEC 21 1954**FROM** : Acting Chief, Administration Section, Contract Branch, PD/TO**SUBJECT:** Contract No. (RD)XG-578---

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Transmitted herewith is the following:

Copy of letter dated 13 December 1954 from  advising  
of potential work stoppage on subject contract.

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Please inform the undersigned if you consider it  
sufficiently important to take any action at this time.

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TO/PD/CB/AS/ARL:ad (22 December 1954)

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**Subject: Potential Labor Dispute  
Contract No. (RD)-SG-578**

**Gentlemen:**

In accordance with the terms of subject contract, this company wishes to advise of a potential labor dispute at its St. Paul, Minnesota facilities.

The Company is currently negotiating for a union contract with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 36, American Federation of Labor representing six (6) Stationary Engineers and Firemen. In addition, General Drivers Union, Local 120, American Federation of Labor, has sought to represent the five (5) Truck Drivers at this Company. On 2 December 1954, Notice of Dispute with Intent to Strike was filed by the above unions. It is noted that separate notice was filed by each union. On 8 December 1954, meetings were held by the Company and unions with the State of Minnesota Labor Conciliator, in the forenoon with IUOE and in the afternoon with the General Drivers. As a result of these meetings, both unions stated that they would take no further action until they had conferred with their membership and legal counsel.

Although a work stoppage is not at this time considered imminent, it is possible that a work stoppage could take place as early as 13 December 1954, which date follows the ten day cooling off period as provided by the Minnesota Labor Relations Act. The unions have stated they will notify the Company prior to any strike action.

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For your information, a contract was signed on 22 November 1954, by the company and the District Lodge 77, International Association of Machinists, which union represents 490 production and maintenance workers. This company has approximately 1200 employees at this time.

The Contractor wishes to fulfill its obligation of notifying of a potential labor dispute and takes this means of conveying the information to the contract sponsor. You will be advised of further developments that will alter the status of this dispute.

Very truly yours,

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By:

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Assistant Secretary

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